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TO: Colleen Hart, U.S. EPA
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SUBJECT: Griffin Wellpoint Corp, Hammond, Indiana
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During a United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) inspection of the Griffin Wellpoint Corp (Griffin) site in Hammond, Indiana, conducted on September 10, 1980, the site operator, Mr. Hockberger, stated that the company would clean up the drums in the yard and dispose of them in a responsible manner. On June 4, 1991, Ecology and Environment, Inc., Field Investigation Team (FIT) conducted an off-site reconnaissance inspection of the site. FIT believes that complete cleanup did not occur because during this inspection approximately 20 drums and several piles of rusted equipment were observed.

FIT recommends that the Griffin site proceed to the screening site inspection level with medium priority because of the potential for contaminants to migrate to surface water via the ditch in front of the site and then through the drainage system to the Indiana Harbor Canal. There is also a high potential for direct contact to occur via soil exposure for the residents living adjacent to the site, and the approximately 40 employees who work on-site.

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